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In response to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

~~Please cancel claim 44, without prejudice or disclaimer.~~

~~Please amend claims 1, 45, and 46 as follows:~~

1. (Twice Amended) An expandable tubular assembly, comprising:
  - a pair of radially expanded tubular members having radially expanded threaded portions coupled to one another; and
  - a quantity of a sealant within the radially expanded threaded portions of the radially expanded tubular members;

wherein the sealant adheres to the radially expanded threaded portions of the radially expanded tubular members.



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